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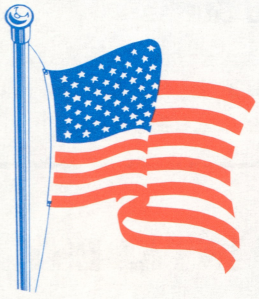

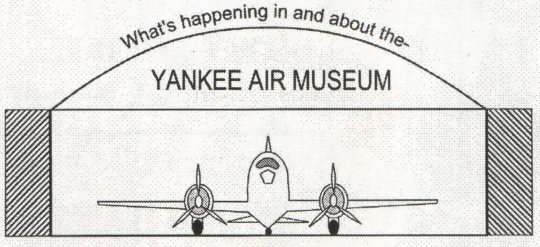

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Everyone Welcome

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Visitors to our Museum
during the month of July 2002
were from
24 of our United States
and
Germany, Poland, Finland, Canada, Japan, Iran, and New Zealand

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the B-52
Don Meyer YAF #4884 points out that the first flight of a B-52 prototype was 15 April 1952.
In last month's issue, we reported the first operational flight of a B-52 as 5 August 1954.

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2 Sept 1916	First plane-to-plane radio transmission
2 Sept 1945	462 B-29s fly over battleship *Missouri* during Japan's ceremonial surrender
4 Sept 1922	First transcontinental flight within 1 day
8 Sept 1994	Last Allied soldiers leave Berlin, ending occupation that began in 1945
18 Sept 1947	The US Army Air Forces become the United States Air Force
20 Sept	POW / MIA Remembrance Day *On this day, the third Friday in September, the POW / MIA Flag must be flown at all Federal buildings*
24 Sept	Gold Star Mothers Day
30 Sept 1949	Berlin Airlift ends

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Congratulations to
KAREN MILLER
Winner of the 50/50 drawing
at our August meeting

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The Room 216 Report

by Jon Stevens L 4172 WR

Most of the time, victories are obvious. You set a goal for yourself, and when you achieve it, you know you've made it. But sometimes, they sneak up on you, and you don't realize you've had one until after the fact. We've had some great ones this year at the museum, and I'd like to share them in detail with you.

The first few times I came out to the Willow Run hangar in 1990 and '91, I was very impressed with the collection of Marine Corps aircraft on display. Amongst them were two of my favorite Navy and Marine Corps aircraft, the F4U Corsair and F11F Tiger. But by the time I joined in 1992, they were all gone. Why?

Over the last few months, I've seen a lot of the correspondence involved, and most of the story has come out. Specifically, the Marine Corp Air-Ground Museum, in Quantico, VA, had repeatedly told us to stop using the F11F for cockpit photos (after we repeatedly sent them photographs of our doing so), because it was in violation of our loan agreement. This round of back-and-forth letters ended with the airplanes being removed.

During this exchange, one of our members both told them what was wrong with their standard loan agreement, but also how it should be re-written specifically for the YAF. This didn't exactly calm the waters…

In the end, what it amounts to is that we shot ourselves in the foot. By doing so, we cast a shadow over our reputation; not only with the Marines, but also with the other military services, and in the aviation museum community in general.

This past March, **Gayle Roberts-Walker** (YAM Director of Museum Activities) and I attended the American Association of Museums *Mutual Concerns Conference* in Washington, DC. While there, we met **Michael Starn**, the Aviation Curator for the Quantico museum, who had dealt with the loan agreement violations a decade before.

In talking with Mike, Gayle and I found out specifically why the aircraft had been pulled, but also that three aircraft engines were still on the books as missing.

After we got back, Mike gave Gayle the specifics, and she went into Sherlock Holmes mode. Between a lot of digging through our files, talking with several members, and making a couple of road trips to Kalamazoo, the three engines were finally located. Two were still at Willow Run, and the other was located at Kalamazoo.

Due to Gayle's hard work and cooperative attitude, Quantico closed the old *Yankee Air Force* folder, and opened a new one for the *Yankee Air Museum*.

Since that time, the Marines have also offered us two aircraft for restoration, namely, an F3D Skyknight, and an F4D Skyray. The Collections Committee reviewed the offer, but turned it down, due to the amount of work that would have been immediately required on each airframe.

Due to a lot of heard work on the part of Gayle and her staff, our reputation has been significantly improved with Quantico, and in the aviation museum community in general. Score **1** for us!

In July, Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and the Ypsilanti, MI School District (YSD) jointly hold their *Summer Writer's Camp*. As part of an EMU graduate education class, teachers from YSD and other neighboring districts work with a number of at-risk 9-12 year old kids, to get the kids to investigate and then write about the larger community around them that they normally wouldn't get to see.

This year's was the eighth *Camp*, and the kids wrote about their field trips to the *Ann Arbor News*, the Willow Run Airport administrative office, and the *Yankee Air Museum*. As Education Director, **Bette Watson** has worked very hard to get our name and story out to local schools. When she heard about this opportunity, she quickly got us involved. The kids spent a couple days at the hangar, and talked to a number of our members, about their experiences in aviation, and as museum members. Besides Bette, the members who made time for the kids were **Dick Bodycombe**, **John** and **Marie Clark**, **Ted Drews**, **Ted Edmonds**, **Earthaline Greene**, **Lloyd Johnson**, **Mary Jane Medlock**, **Jim Redick**, and Gayle Roberts-Walker.

The kids then went to work, and wrote some great stories, interviews, and even some poems. Some of the writing may seem child-like, but the observations made are definitely not. Having seen the book the kids published, and talked with some of our participants, I know that everyone got a lot out of it. Score **2** for Yankee!

The first weekend in August is a big event for all of us at Willow Run. Now in it's fourth year, **Mike Luther's** annual *Air Display* was a big victory that many of us were able to experience first-hand.

The theme for this year was *Salute To Freedom*, commemorating the 60th anniversary of General Jimmy Doolittle's raid on Tokyo. Six (!) B-25s were booked, and three of the surviving *Doolittle's Raider's* were scheduled to attend to attend the accompanying *Symposium*.

As many of you now know, the B-25's made it, but all three *Raider's* canceled at almost the last minute (each for health reasons). Mike reacted quickly, and with day's to spare, brought in **"Tex" Hill** and **Don Lopez** of the *Flying Tigers*, and **Tom Ernest** and **Jim Hill** of VMF-214 *Black Sheep* fame.

Also here on August 3rd and 4th was our biggest-yet gathering of aircraft from World War II to the present, including several P-51s, F4U/FG-1 Corsairs and F/A-18 Hornets. Other aircraft included an F-86 Sabre, Mig-17, P-40 Warhawk, P-47 Thunderbolt, **"Doc" Tinker's** TBM-3 Avenger, and several AT-6s, including **Jim Greeson**'s.

While the figures haven't been finalized as of this writing (one week after the event), I can tell you that the attendance and revenue were both over 25% higher than last year's numbers.

With the help of **Paul Draper**, Mary Jane Medlock, Gayle Roberts-Walker, **Dick** and **Debbie Stewart**, **Kevin Walsh**, and many, many others, Mike not only put together the best *Air Display* yet, he saved the event with his last minute scheduling of replacement *Symposium* guests.

The number of museum members who volunteered is too large to mention in this space, but the gratitude they deserve isn't! *Thank you <u>all</u> for your hard work and effort!* Score **3** for us!

As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me at (248) 353-3384 or e-mail me at: **jon_stevens_77@worldnet.att.net**.
'Til next month, let's keep talking,
and keeping 'em flying!

CONNIE'S CORNER

by Connie Kosek

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Yankee members and website friends:

The first anniversary of September 11, 2001, is rapidly approaching. As a staff writer for *Hangar Happenin's* for 10 years, and being a woman, I usually am not at a loss for words. However, as the time drew near for me to get the column done in time for publication, I was getting cold feet. I kept thinking, what can I write about that day, September 11, 2001, which brought death and destruction to New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. one year later?

Just to refresh your memory of some of the details of September 11th, the day four commercial airliners were hijacked with suicide terrorist pilots, and other hijackers aboard: Flight #11, a Boeing 767 with 92 people aboard. Target: The North Tower of the World Trade Center. Flight #175, also a Boeing 767 with 65 people aboard. Target: The South Tower of the World Trade Center. Flight #77 a Boeing 757, with 64 people aboard. Target: The Pentagon. Flight #93, a Boeing 757 with 45 people aboard. Target: Somewhere around the Capitol. Crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

9-11-01, a day of the loss of so many lives, the bravery of so many people, helping strangers, forgoing their own safety. Then I thought about 60 years earlier... December 7th, 1941, when so many servicemen and civilians died at Pearl Harbor, and how it affected my own life, so many years ago.

In September 1941, I was 14 years old and starting high school at *Edwin Denby High School* in Detroit. All summer long I was looking forward to school dances, playing basketball, field hockey – all of the things young girls in high school do. When we heard the news on Sunday, December 7th about Pearl Harbor, I didn't realize how my life and other kid's lives would change.

On December 8th many male students quit school to enlist in the armed forces. All homes surrounding the high school were asked to open their homes to high school students if the fire bells and air raid sirens would go off. The authorities thought the high schools would be a big target.

War bonds and defense stamps were sold at school to help the war effort. First-aid classes were organized to make all students and civilians available if needed. Many teachers who taught commercial classes (typing, shorthand, etc.) left school to work in Government offices. Victory gardens were a part of the school scene. Many of our moms and dads, grandpas and grandmothers were working 10-hour shifts, 7 days a week in the war plants. Some of their children, and grandchildren were serving all theaters of war in many branches of the service.

So, dear readers, the Class of 1945 made it through four years of school during war time. We were never attacked, but we were ready!

I didn't know what to say about September 11, 2001 at first, but I can say this – in times of any national emergency U.S. citizens can rally and survive because...we are survivors! December 7, 1941 and September 11, 2001: two periods of American history that would live in infamy!

Public Law 107-89 was enacted December 18, 2001, officially designating **September 11th** as **PATRIOT DAY**.

It is a day of remembrance, a day dedicated to remembering the hijackings of United Airlines Flights 175 and 93, and American Airlines Flights 11 and 77.

These hijackings occurred on September 11, 2001, and led to the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States. These attacks killed thousands of innocent people and caused America to change its view regarding security, travel and our country's readiness to defend itself against terrorism.

According to law, Patriot Day is to be remembered through appropriate activities which include displaying the American Flag at half-staff and observing a moment of silence in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that tragic, historic September day.

Equally important to remember is the global reach of those attacks. The world felt the effects of those devastating attacks on freedom. Many lives, from many nations, were lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon outside Washington DC. This Patriot Day will be not only a day for Americans to remember but also an international day of remembrance for all people to pause and reflect on the terrorists' deeds, the senseless loss of life, and the heroic actions of our fellow Americans on September 11, 2001.

From SERGEANTS Magazine, August 2002

PATRIOT DAY: A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE —NOT A HOLIDAY by Eugene Isaac

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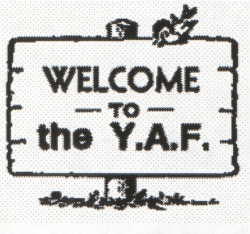


MUSEUM VISITOR

It was July 25, 2002, a Thursday like so many others. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are the primary work days around our Museum. Norm had a crew working on the B-17, Fred Lockwood and a few others were working on the C-47. **John Stahley** and his crew were busy putting the nose on the B-25. The membership office, museum store and visitor reception were all manned. A broken water pipe had been fixed by **Dave Saunders**. And I don't know what else was being done.

Then, around 2:00 PM, things came to a halt. **Charlie Jackson** came out for a visit. Charlie is a longtime member, former crew chief of the B-52, and a very strong supporter of the Museum. Unfortunately, last October 19, 2001, Charlie suffered a stroke. It left him paralyzed on his right side.

Although Charlie is confined to a wheelchair, he visited with a lot of his friends, checked out his B-52 and admired the rest of our aircraft.

I spoke with his wife, **Rose**, and she said that Charlie had really been looking forward to this visit. I think his visit did all of us a lot of good. Thanks for coming, Charlie.

— ***Don Burke***

Our Best Wishes to

Miss Ohio - Tiffany Haas

who visited with us on the Fourth of July in Mansfield, Ohio.
We were amazed and proud of her resemblance to our *Yankee Lady !*

Set your VCRs for the ***Miss America*** Scholarship Program
Saturday, September 21, 2002 at 8PM on ABC

August 1, 2002

To the Editor:

I wish to thank Mr. Webster for his kind words in the August *Hangar Happenin's.*

My 3rd two year term as Treasurer was ***completed*** April 14, 2002, I did not resign, but I chose not to run again (right away) for Treasurer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Lockwood
Director
(YAF #133)

SPECIAL THANKS
TO OUR
SALUTE TO FREEDOM
'DRINKS GROUP'

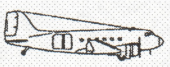
Under **Dick & Debbie Stewart**'s leadership and in the hottest summer since 1988, our greatest group of volunteer members ever assembled in two white tents. Only half a mile apart by 5 PM (and $5,830.65 later) they felt much further apart!

We started with 7 members, but since we were having entirely too much fun we had multipled to 12: **Hal Ratzlaff**, **John & Monty Ellickson**, **Joyce & Henry Bornholdt**, **Jerry Hartweg**, **Brenda Holliday**, **Bob McKay**, **Bob Weil**, **Russ Welch** and **Russ Maxwell**.

Thanks to **Mark Gadzinski**, **Dan Tomczak** and **Mary Aileen Medlock** for refills on everything and for wise advice from **Bob Campbell** and **Bill Tonak**: DRINK-DRINK-DRINK! We were selling and not using!

— ***Nancy Lockwood***

Bill Abbott's MILE O' PENNIES



$1000.....**$2000**.....**$3000**.....**$4000**

$3196.08 as of August *!*

With contributions from **Roger Peterson, Dave Guenther, Mel Pomerantz, Bill Richards, Wanda Grudzien, Keith Jones, Dennis Bachorik, Lucile Ivers, Bob Graham,** and a few anonymous angels, we have collected almost one more mile o'pennies *!*

If you have any CENT$, please donate to our Building Fund.

Bring your pennies to the *Hangar Happenin's* office upstairs in Room 223.

We will count them and YAF will put them to very good use.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

2002

Yankee Air Force

Don & Yvonne Harner Memorial Scholarships

were awarded this year
to two Belleville High School
graduating seniors

KATHRYN SIELSKI
and
JOSEPH GIRARD

Kathryn and her family attended YAF's General Membership Meeting on June 5th.
Joe was introduced at our meeting on August 7th.
Kathryn will attend Lawrence Tech,
and Joe will study at Michigan Tech.

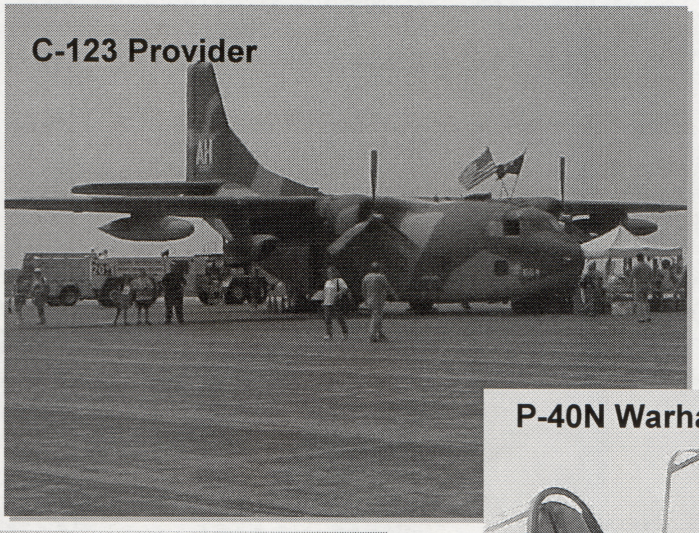
Congratulations to our winners *!!*

In Memory Of...

dear Yankees we will miss

Robert Willoughby — Passed away 23 June 2002
LIFE #4103 WR

Ambrose Connelly, Jr. — Passed away 25 July 2002
YAF #3015 WR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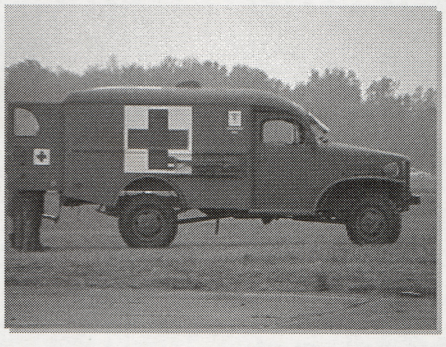


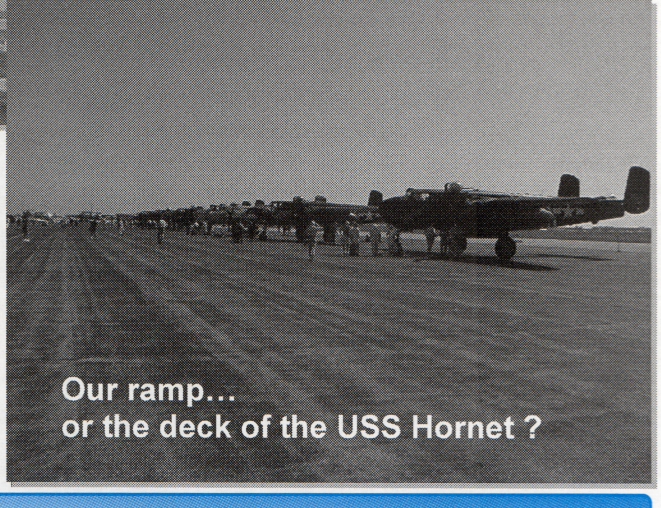
P-40N Warhawk

B-25J Mitchell

FLYING TIGERS

"Tex" Hill and Don Lopez

C-45 Expeditor


Our ramp…
or the deck of the USS Hornet ?

F-86E Sabre

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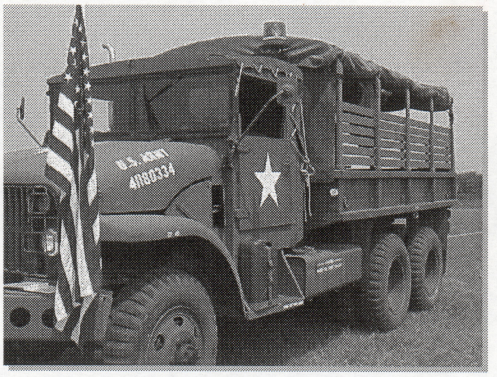
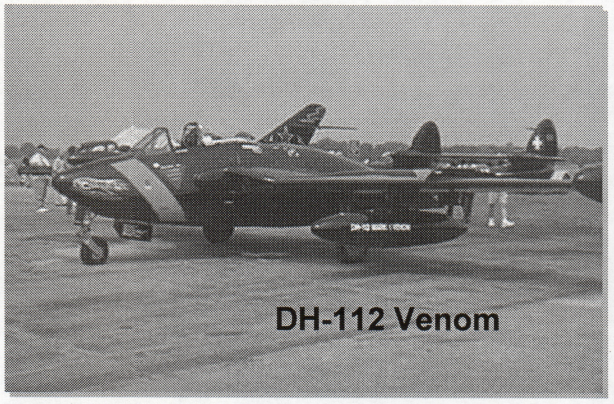


BLACK SHEEP

Jim Hill and Tom Emrich
with
Ray Dieckman



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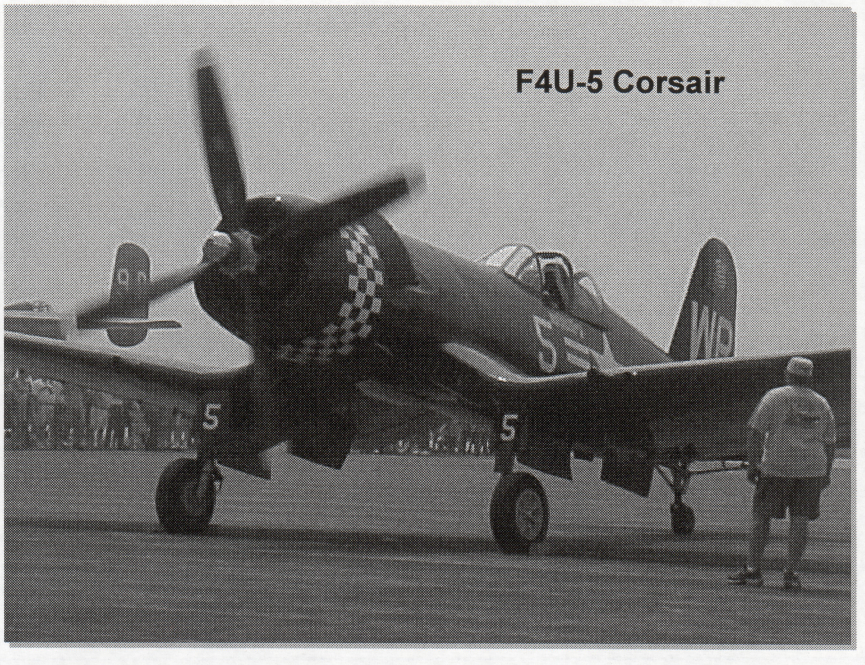

F4U-5 Corsair

Anniversary Celebration

at the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Saturday, September 21st, 2002

Back by popular demand...

Casablanca night

Black & white attire suggested
or military attire from that era

$35 per person

DINNER/DANCE

Music by Al Townsend's Couriers

Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 22, 2002

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - $3 & $5 starting at 9 AM
OPEN HOUSE—9 AM to 4 PM
Museum Admission *FREE*

- *Gift Shop*
- *Dog Tags*
- *Museum Tours*
- *Used Book Sales*
- *Photographs*
- *Refreshments*
- *Aircraft Tours*
- *Face Painting—Pokey Dotty & Friend*

Located at the Willow Run Airport
(Corner of Ecorse & Beck Roads)
I-94 Exit 190 (Belleville Rd.)
I-275 Exit 20 (Ecorse Rd.)

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM, east side of Willow Run Airport off Beck Rd., Gate 1
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

We're getting ready to celebrate our 21st birthday!

Please save the weekend of September 20-21-22, 2002 for these events:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
6:30 PM
PIZZA PARTY
Salad & Soda provided by YAF
Come enjoy the company and watch some old movies.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
3:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING
6:30 pm
CASABLANCA DINNER DANCE

CALLING ALL **YANKEE AIR FORCE LIFE MEMBERS** !
We need you in our **YAF FREEDOM PHOTO**
Saturday, September 21, 2002
Bring your cameras !
George Binson L 2177 WR
wants your pictures
for the Yankee Air Force Museum and for a book.
For more info about this event
plus the chance to see a beautiful B-25B scale model
please contact him at
artistb@corecomm.net

...and as always...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
9:00 AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AND
OPEN HOUSE

Museum Admission Free All Day !

2002 YAF AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

B-17!		Aug 23-24	Nashville Static Display	FLEX	Nashville TN
	C-47!	Aug 25	Pontiac Airport		Pontiac MI
B-17!		Aug 25-27	Sevierville Static Display	FLEX	Sevierville TN
		Aug 31-01			
B-17!	C-47!	Sep 06-08	Airport Open House	FLEX	Marion OH
	C-47!	Sep 10	USAF Museum *Member Trip*		Dayton OH
	C-47!	Sep 11	USAF Museum *Member Trip*		Dayton OH
	C-47!	Sep 12	USAF Museum *Member Trip*		Dayton OH
B-17!		Sep 13-15	Bloomington Static Display	FLEX	Bloomington IN
B-17!	C-47!	Sep 22	YAF Founders Day Open House		Willow Run MI
B-17?		Sep 27-29	Augusta Airshow *Blue Angels*		Augusta GA
B-17?	C-47?	Sep 28	Berz-Macomb Airport Display	FLEX	Macomb Twp MI

! **Definitely scheduled** **FLEX** **Flight Experiences**
? **Tentative**

Be watching Channel 7! Erik Smith's "From the Heart" was filmed at the hangar last month and will be shown in September!

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